



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1111

January Session, 2003

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC, GAS AND OIL
FIRED HEATING UNITS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Electric heating unit" means equipment, including, but not
4 limited to, pressure vessels, tanks, furnaces, heat pumps, unit heaters,
5 baseboard heaters, control devices and accessories designed to use
6 electricity to provide heat or domestic hot water for a residential
7 dwelling or commercial or institutional building.

8 (2) "Gas heating unit" means equipment, including, but not limited
9 to, pressure vessels, tanks, furnaces, infrared heaters, space heaters,
10 unit heaters, gas burners, control devices and accessories designed to
11 burn natural gas, gas or propane to provide heat or domestic hot water
12 for a residential dwelling or commercial or institutional building.

13 (3) "Oil fired heating unit" means equipment, including, but not
14 limited to, pressure vessels, tanks, furnaces, unit heaters, space heaters,
15 oil burners, control devices and accessories designed to burn fuel oil,
16 kerosene or waste oil to provide heat or domestic hot water for a
17 residential dwelling or commercial or industrial building.

18 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer

19 Protection.

20 (b) No person shall sell an electric or gas heating unit or oil fired
 21 heating unit requiring a building permit for installation unless the
 22 purchaser of the unit provides the seller with (1) the name and a copy
 23 of the occupational license of the contractor purchasing the unit, or (2)
 24 verification that a building permit has been issued for the installation
 25 of the unit.

26 (c) Prior to releasing the unit specified in subsection (b) of this
 27 section to the purchaser, the seller shall record in writing the following
 28 information: (1) The date of purchase of the unit, (2) the name and
 29 address of the purchaser, (3) the contractor's name and occupational
 30 license number, if applicable, (4) a copy of the building permit and the
 31 name of the municipality that issued the permit, if applicable, and (5)
 32 the location where the unit will be installed. The seller shall maintain
 33 such records for a minimum of three years from the date of sale. The
 34 seller shall permit the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized
 35 agents to inspect and copy such records during normal business hours.

36 (d) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of not more than
 37 one thousand dollars for each violation of this section. For purposes of
 38 this subsection, each sale of a unit in violation of subsection (b) or (c) of
 39 this section shall constitute a separate violation.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2003 |

GL Joint Favorable Subst.